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SUBJ: ARMING OF WORKERS' DEFENSE SQUADS

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1. MARCH 8 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED WORKERS' DEFENSE SQUADS OF WONJI AND SHOA SUGAR FACTORIES WERE ARMED MARCH 6. FACTORIES LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 105 KM. SOUTH-EAST OF ADDIS ABABA. FOLLOWING CURRENT PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (PMAC) RHETORIC OF ADVANCING ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION FROM DEFENSIVE TO OFFENSIVE POSTURE, PMAC MEMBER STATED AT PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS STEP WOULD STRENGTHEN COMMON STRUGGLE OF INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT WITH ETHIOPIAN WORKERS AND FURTHER CAMPAIGN OF OPPRESSED WORKERS AGAINST ENEMIES OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. PMAC MEMBER DEFINED "OFFENSIVE STAND" OF REVOLUTION AS, "A FAVORABLE SITUATION TO ENABLE LIQUIDATION OF MAIN ENEMIES OF REVOLUTION BY AWAKENED, ORGANIZED AND ARMED POPULAR STRUGGLE AND ESTABLISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OVER GRAVES OF ENEMIES." PMAC MEMBER CONTINUED BY STATING ARMING OF WORKERS PART OF OVERALL EFFORT TO LIQUIDATE EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL ENEMIES OF REVOLUTION AND TO REPEL WOULD-BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGGRESSORS OPPOSED TO ETHIOPIAN TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND UNITY.

2. ATO TEMESEGEN MADEBO, ACTING ALL ETHIOPIAN TRADE UNION (QETU) VICE-CHAIRMAN, ALSO SPEAKING AT CEREMONY ADDED WORKERS' DEFENSE SQUAD MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN MOP-UP OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMIES OF REVOLUTION IN GENERAL AND ANARCHISTS IN PARTICULAR NOW THAT THEY

HAD BEEN ARMED. (TEMESEGEN FORMERLY MEMBER OF WONJI
WORKER'S UNION BEFORE BECOMING AETU EXECUTIVE.)

3. COMMENT: WONJI WORKERS HAVE BEEN STAUNCH PMAC SUPPORTERS
ALMOST SINCE BEGINNING OF REVOLUTION AND IT NOT SURPRISING
THESE FACTORIES SELECTED TO BE FIRST WITH INTEGRAL DEFENSE
SQUADS. PMAC MEMBER STATEMENT ON OFFENSIVE POSTURE OF
REVOLUTION CLEAREST DEFINITION YET OF NEW "OFFENSIVE STAGE"
OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION.
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